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Dear Reference Material Customer,

The New Brunswick Laboratory regrets to inform you that we will not be able to ship reference materials until such a date in the future that the U.S. Congress passes the Department of Energy's fiscal year 2005 budget. Due to governmental accounting regulation, the New Brunswick Laboratory is unable to sell materials until the budget has been approved.

As we are unable to predict when the budget process will be completed we are not able to estimate the date on which we can resume reference material shipments. It may be as early as next month or as late as February or March of next year. We will keep you informed via our website (www.nbl.doe.gov) of any developments.

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